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# MILITARY COLLECTION No. 386

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GENERAL HEADING - British West Africa

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SUB-HEAD - Employment, under the Colonial Office, of Madras Sappers in the Niger territories.

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| To India No. 14 p. 7 dated 3 Feb 1898. | Is there any objection to the employment of a certain number of Madras Sappers as requested by the Colonial Office. |
| From Viceroy No. p. dated 19 Feb 1898. | Men can be supplied on the terms stated. |
| From Viceroy No. p. dated 25 Feb 1898. | Suggests that rate of pay be fixed in rupees & issued at current rate of exchange. |
| To Viceroy No. p. dated 10 Mar 1898. | Pay will be issued in Brit money at 1/4 5/4d the Rupee. Men to be sent to London fully Equipped - Date of departure to be reported. |
| To India No. 33 p. 21 dated 31 Mar 1898. | Fwds letter from Colonial Office stating that the men are wanted for 3 years |
| From Viceroy No. p. dated 11 27 May 1898. | They embark probably on May 21st per "Avoca" [5 embarked "Crotava" 18 May and 15 on "Avoca" 24th May] |
| From India No. 109 p. dated 14 July 1898. | Showing steps taken for the despatch of the men - Indian revenues to be credited with Capitalised value of pensions &c |
| From India No. 130 p. 24 dated 25 Aug 1898. | All Expenditure incurred in India & value of stores issued from Stock will be debited to the Impl. Govt |

*Register Nos.*

1898. 200. 1854. 1953. 1974. 2241. 2646. 3150. 3371.

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Copy Reference from the Financial Department.

Register No. 76465. Dated 189 .

Referred to Military Department.
Dated 8 Dec 1898.

Reply.
Dated 12 Dec 1898.

For any observations

S/ S.C. Hogg

It was contemplated in Letter that arrangements would be made for family remittances of the Madras Sappers in W. Africa (see enclosures to Despatch from Judicial No 109 of 98, copy attached) but no further information on the subject has been received. There is no objection to Colonel Willcocks' suggestion being carried out.

(Sd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

(Form 32.)

Y 1164. 1000.—2/97. I. 334.

Military

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F.5063.

24th October 1898.

Sir,

I am directed to prefer a claim for the sum of

| | £. s. d. |
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| Expenditure in India.... | 192. 3. 6. |
| Cost of telegrams to and from India. . ..... | 30. 0.11. |
| | £222. 4. 5. |

£222.4.5. on account of expenditure incurred in connection with the despatch of Madras Sappers and Miners for service in the Niger Territories; and, in forwarding a statement and vouchers relating thereto, I am to request that the above-mentioned sum may be transferred to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England.

A further claim will be preferred in due course in respect of the cost of conveyance of the five men from Colombo to London.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY WATERFIELD

Financial Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

S. W.

(Duplicate)

H. L. Hall.

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Copy Reference from the Financial Department.

Register No. J 5063 *Dated* 189 .

| Referred to Military Department. | Reply. |
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| Dated 8 Oct 1898. | Dated 13 Oct 1898. |

Will the Hist. Sec^y &c furnish a list of any Telegrams that may have been sent to or from India on this subject in order that their cost may be included in the claim

It is presumed that the claim should be preferred on the Colonial Office

H^d/ J. C. Hoyt

I enclose a list of Telegrams to & from the Viceroy the cost of which should be recovered from the Colonial Office

The cost of — Conveyance of the 5 men from Colombo to London has yet to — come

("S") O. R. NEWMARCH
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

(Form 32.)

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# MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

M 885 1898

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State Colonial Office

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

15 SEP. 1898

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith, for the information ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India regarding the debit of the expenditure incurred in India on account of the despatch of the detachment of Madras Sappers & Miners to West Africa.

(Sd) F. Whitmore Smith.

*Asst. Military Secretary.*

F.O.J. 14/9/98

No. 130 of 25 Aug. 1898.
Encl. 24.

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(Form 10.)

Y 2991. 5000.—7/98. I. 1266.

W. Smith

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EXTRACT PARA. 24 OF A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 130, DATED 25TH AUGUST 1898.

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24. We have issued instructions that all the expenditure (ordinary and extra-ordinary) incurred in India on account of the despatch of the detachment of the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, Madras, to the Niger territories, and the value of stores issued from stock to the above troops, should be debited to Her Majesty's Imperial Government. [*With reference to paragraph 7 of military letter No. 14, dated India Office, the 3rd February 1898 (M-200).*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.
„ C. E. NAIRNE.
„ J. WESTLAND.
„ M. D. CHALMERS.
„ EDWIN H. H. COLLEN.
„ A. C. TREVOR.
„ C. M. RIVAZ.

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*Extract para. 24 of a Military letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 130, dated the 25th August 1898.*

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24. Adjustment of the expenditure incurred in India on account of the despatch of the detachment of the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners in the Niger territories.

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**MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.**

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to Under Secr of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

13 AUG. 1898

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward for the information of the ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ Secretary of State for the Colonies, two copies ~~a copy~~ of a despatch from the Govt of India regarding the selection equipment and despatch of the detachment of Madras Sappers and Miners recently sent for service in the Niger territories.

A copy of the financial despatch enclosed by the Govt of India

No. 109 dated 14 July 1898

I suppose the Crown Agents, who seem to be paymasters for both Col & For. Offices, will understand the 7th Despatch below as they have apparently seen the corr. enclosed.

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No. 88 Financial dated 6 May 1897

(Form 10.)

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is enclosed herewith

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
*Major-General,*
*Military Secretary.*

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No. 109 of 1898.

Military Department.

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,

HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

*Simla, the 14th July 1898.*

MY LORD,

In continuation of our telegram in the Military Department dated 27th May 1898, we forward for Your Lordship's information a copy of the correspondence detailed in the accompanying schedule shewing the action taken by us in selecting, equipping and despatching to England the twenty men of the Madras Sappers and Miners asked for in paragraph 7 of Your Lordship's military despatch No. 14, dated 3rd February 1898, for employment in the Niger territories.

2. We understand that the capitalized value of all pensions and gratuities that may be granted under the usual Indian rules to these men for service in West Africa will be recovered from the Niger Protectorate, in accordance with the principle laid down in the correspondence ending with Your Lordship's financial despatch No. 88,† dated 25th May 1897, and will be credited to the Indian revenues.

† Copy attached

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.

„ C. E. NAIRNE.

„ J. WESTLAND.

„ M. D. CHALMERS.

„ EDWIN H. H. COLLEN.

„ A. C. TREVOR.

„ C. M. RIVAZ.

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No. 109, DATED THE 14TH JULY 1898.

(Copy.)

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*Letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

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Despatch to England of twenty Madras Sappers and Miners for employment in the Niger territories.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 1017 M. D—6-7-98.—60.

List of despatch No. 109 (Military), dated the 14th July 1898, from the Government of India in the Military Department, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

| Serial No. | Number and date of paper. | From whom or to whom. | Subject. |
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| 1 | No. 946-B., dated 14th March 1898. | To Adjutant General in India. | |
| 2 | No. 901-R. E., dated 14th April 1898, and enclosures. | From ditto ... | |
| 3 | No. 1253-B., dated 22nd April 1898. | To ditto ... | |
| 4 | No. 1014-R. E, dated 28th April 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 5 | No. 1031-R. E, dated 29th April 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 6 | No. 1045.-R. E., dated 3rd May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 7 | No. 1056-R. E., dated 4th May 1898. | From ditto ... | Despatch to England of twenty Madras sappers and miners for employment in the Niger territories. |
| 8 | No. 1065-R.E., dated 7th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 9 | No. 1086-R.E., dated 10th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 10 | No. 1114-R.E., dated 14th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 11 | No. 1121-R.E., dated 16th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 12 | No. 1172-R.E., dated 25th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 13 | No. 1187-R.E., dated 27th May 1898. | From ditto ... | |
| 14 | No. 1311-R.-E., dated 9th June 1898, and enclosures. | From ditto ... | |
| 15 | No. 1792-B, dated 15th June 1898. | To ditto ... | |

(Sd.) E. G. BARROW,

*Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

*Enclosures of despatch No. 109, dated the 14th July 1898.*

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Enclosure No. 1.

From LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. DEBRATH, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 946-B., "*Special—Miscellaneous*," dated Fort William, the 14th March 1898).

I am directed to forward for the information of the Commander-in-Chief a copy of the correspondence noted on the margin, and to state that in compliance with the request therein made, the Governor-General in Council has decided to lend the services of a detachment of Madras sappers as shown on the margin, for employment with the engineer company to be attached to the new force which is to serve under the command of Major Lugard in the Niger territories. I am therefore to request that, under His Excellency's orders, the necessary steps may be taken to call for volunteers for this detachment and to send them to London, as soon as possible, with the articles of kit mentioned below and such other articles as may be necessary.

From Secretary of State, No. 14 (paragraph 7), dated 3rd February 1898, and enclosures.
To Secretary of State, telegram, No. 599-B., dated 19th February 1898.
To Secretary of State, telegram, No. 675-B., dated 25th February 1898.
From Secretary of State, telegram, dated 10th March 1898.

1 Havildar—Carpenter.
9 Sappers—Carpenters.
1 Naik—Smith.
2 Sappers—Smiths.
1 Naik—Mason.
1 Sapper—Mason.
2 Sappers—Surveyors.
1 Sapper—Saddler.
2 Sappers—Brickmakers.

2. The men will be required to serve in the Niger territories for a period of three years from date of departure from India and will be granted pay at the following rates :—

| | | £ | s. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Havildar at | ... ... ... | 3 | 0 | per mensem. |
| Naik at | ... ... ... | 2 | 5 | „ |
| Sapper at | ... ... ... | 1 | 15 | „ |

If considered desirable the equivalents of these sums in rupees at 1*s.* 4*d.* per rupee may be stated to the men, but they will be paid in Africa in English currency.

3. The men will also be granted wound and family pensions under Indian Regulations, and free rations from date of leaving to date of return to India. They will also receive the following free kit :—

3 khaki suits.
2 pairs, boots.
2 puggaris.
1 blue jersey.
2, pairs socks.

4. I am to ask that the name of the vessel in which the men will be sent and the date of its departure may be reported for communication to Her Majesty's Secretary of State.

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Enclosure No. 2.

From Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 901-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers*," dated Simla, the 14th April 1898).

With reference to Military Department No. 946-B., dated 14th March 1898, I have the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief in India, to submit for the *early* orders of the Government of India a copy of the correspondence marginally noted regarding the despatch of a detachment of Madras sappers and miners for employment in the Niger territories.

I. Telegram No. N. T.-450, dated 2nd April 1898, from Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.
II. Telegram No. N. T.-465, dated 5th April 1898, from Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

2. With reference to the several proposals made, His Excellency recommends as follows :—

(*a*) The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, might be asked to endeavour to obtain volunteers from native cavalry or infantry corps in the Madras Command to complete the detachment by one saddler and two surveyors which are still required.

(*b*) Forty pounds of baggage per man may be allowed by sea and rail.

(*c*) Sea kit should be allowed. This detachment has to go first to England, and two pairs of flannel drawers and two flannel vests should be allowed.

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(*d*) In addition to the free kit already authorised the following should be allowed, as in the case of the troops that proceeded to British East Africa :—

Military Department No. 2742-D., dated 15th October 1895.

1 waterproof sheet.

2 blankets.

1 kit bag (waterproof).

*d*(2) It is also suggested that the men should take with them the following articles (their own property) :—

1 great coat.

2 pairs, native shoes.

2 pairs, putties.

1 waterbottle.

1 havresack.

1 dhurrie.

Regimental numerals and badges.

*d*(3) It is also proposed that no Government property or arms should be taken, but that arms and accoutrements should be specially issued chargeable to the Niger territory authorities.

*d*(4) Tents should presumably not be taken, as these, or other accommodation will probably be provided on their arrival.

(*e*) The free kit it is understood is intended as the only issue for the three years, but this appears to be inadequate.

(*f*) An advance of two months' pay should be authorised.

(*g*) The orders of the Government of India are requested as to the arrangements to be made for family remittances.

3. A copy of a telegram No. 890-R.E., dated 13th April 1898 that has been sent to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras in anticipation of the sanction of Government to the proposals in paragraph 2 1 is herewith attached.

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Telegram from His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. N.-T.-450, dated 2nd April 1898.)

"Your memo. 679-R-E, 19th ultimo. Commandant, Madras Sappers, intimates no difficulty anticipated in furnishing required number sappers except one saddler of which trade none in corps and two surveyors, none of sufficient attainments to be useful. No non-commissioned officers will volunteer, presume privates may fill their places. Commandant puts following questions—what weight kit allowed to be taken and suggests 40 pounds per man free land and sea. Would sea kit be provided at port embarkation in addition clothing allowed, if so suggests one water proof sheet, one blanket, 2 pairs flannel drawers, 2 flannel vests per man. Is kit shown in note 5 Major Lugards, letter to Colonial office annual issue, if not would not be sufficient for 3 years. Commandant could make first issue Bangalore at cheaper rate recovering amount from Government. As men will require advance pay, suggested usual field service advance 2 months pay, also family payments being allowed under usual rules or arrangements made for remitting through post office at reduced rates. Detachment ready to start 24 hours notice. Please wire instructions."

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Telegram from His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras,— (No. N.-T.-465, dated the 5th April 1898).

"Continuation my N.-T.-450. One Havildar carpenter, one naik smith, one naik mason now obtained. To complete detachment one saddler and two surveyors only now wanted."

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Telegram from the Adjutant-General in India to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras,—(No. 890-R.-E., dated 13th April 1898).

"Your Excellency's N. T. No. 450, 2nd. If one saddler and two surveyors can be obtained from Cavalry or Infantry regiment in command, please arrange for them going with sapper detachment. Forty pounds baggage per man approved. Following additions should be made free kit—one water proof sheet, 2 blankets, 1 waterproof kit bag. For sea kit 2 pairs flannel drawers and 2 flannel vests may be issued.

Following articles property of men should be taken— greatcoat, 2 pairs native shoes, 2 pairs putties, 1 watterbottle, 1 havresack, 1 durrie, regimental numerals and badges. No Government property should be taken, arms and accoutrements should be indented for chargeable to Niger authorities. No tents to be taken. Free kit is for 3 years. Advance 2 months pay sanctioned. Orders regarding family remittances will issue hereafter.

Please arrange for early despatch of detachment to London reporting here name of ship and date departure."

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Enclosure No. 3.

From Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 1253-B, "*Special and Miscellaneous,*" dated Simla, the 22nd April 1898).

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 901-R. E, dated 14th April 1898, submitting for the approval of Government the following proposals regarding the detachment of Madras Sappers and Miners required for employment in the Niger territories :—

A.—That the Lieutenant-General Commanding, Madras might be instructed to endeavour to obtain volunteers from Native Cavalry or Infantry corps in the Madras Command to complete the detachment by one saddler and two surveyors, which are still required.

B.—That forty pounds of baggage per man may be allowed by sea and rail.

C.—That as the detachment has to go first to England, each man may be allowed two pairs of flannel drawers and two flannel vests as sea kit.—

D.—That in addition to the free kit already authorised, one waterproof sheet, 2 blankets and one kit bag (waterproof) may be allowed to each man, as in the case of the troops sent to British East Africa in 1895.

D (2).—That the men should take with them the following articles (their own property):—

1 great coat.

2 pairs native shoes.

2 „ putties.

1 waterbottle.

1 havresack.

1 durrie.

Regimental numerals and badges.

D (3).—That no Government property or arms should be taken, but that arms and accoutrements should be specially issued chargeable to the Niger territory authorities.

D (4).—That tents should not be taken, as these or other accommodation will probably be provided on their arrival.

E.—That the free kit allowed for the men is understood to be intended as the only issue for the three years that they will be serving in the Niger territories, but that this appears to be inadequate.

F.—That an advance or two months pay may be authorised for the men.

G.—That arrangements may be made for family remittances of the men to India.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India sanction the proposals as stated above, against A, B, C, D, D(2), D (3), D (4) and F.—As regards E, I am to say that the Government of India have no information as to what the intention is in this respect.

3. A separate communication will be made later regarding the proposed arrangements for family remittances of the men.

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Enclosure No. 4.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary ot the Government of India Military Department,—(No. 1014-R.-E, "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated 28th April 1898).

The following is forwarded for information with reference to Military Department No. 1253-B, dated 22nd April 1898.

Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 526-D, dated the 22nd April 1898).

"Your 679-R.-E., dated 19th ultimo. Endeavours made to secure passage for twenty sappers and miners London by British India Line from Madras, but failed, am arranging with Bombay for despatch by earliest possible date."

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## Enclosure No. 5.

Memo. from Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1031-R.-E, "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated the 29th April 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this office No. 1014-R.-E., dated 28th April 1898.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 541-D, dated 27th April 1898).

"My No. 526-D. General Officer Commanding, Bombay, intimates impossible to obtain passages by any line at present. Enquiries being made elsewhere, will wire you further."

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## Enclosure No. 6.

Memo. from Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1045-R.-E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated 3rd May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information, in continuation of this office No. 1031-R.-E. dated 29th April 1898.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. N.-T-605, dated the 28th April 1898).

"Your No. 900-R.-E. No surveyors obtainable from cavalry or infantry this command. Please wire instructions."

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Telegram from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras,—(No. 1038-R-E, dated 2nd May 1898).

Your Excellency's No. N.-T. 605, of 28th. In place of two surveyors not obtainable, please send draftsmen, carpenters or smiths. The detachment Madras sappers should be twenty strong.

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## Enclosure No. 7.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1056-R. E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 4th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this Department No. 1045-R.-E., dated 3rd May 1898.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 551-D, dated the 2nd May 1898).

My 541-D. Passage secured from Colombo per "Ophir" sailing 5th instant, for five men detachment sappers and per "Oratava" 18th instant for eleven men and orders issued for their despatch accordingly. Will wire further remaining two men.

Enclosure No. 8.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1065-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 7th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this Department No. 1056-R. E., dated the 4th instant.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 565-D, dated 5th May 1898).

"My 557-D. General Officer Commanding, Bangalore, wires—*Begins.* 300-T. B. My 298-T. B., Agent, British India, wires that Ceylon Medical Officer refused to allow embarkation five sappers owing to cholera at Tuticorin. Have instructed agent to arrange accommodation till further instructions, *Ends.* Am consequently withdrawing men already at Tuticorin and again trying to arrange passages for whole detachment from either Bombay or Madras and have informed General Officer Commanding, Ceylon, accordingly."

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 569-W, dated 5th May 1898).

"Continuation my 565-W, of to-day. Following just received from General Officer Commanding, Bangalore :—*Begins.*—301-T. B. My 300-T. B. British India Agent, Tuticorin, wires—*Begins.* No epidemic cholera here, clean bills health obtainable, stoppage embarkation entirely act of Ceylon Medical representative here, period of quarantine entirely at his caprice. Madras authorities won't interfere. Recommend returning men *Ends.* Please wire orders. *Ends* Message *Ends.*"

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Enclosure No. 9.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1086-R. E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 10th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this Department No. 1065-R. E., dated the 7th instant.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 571-D, dated 6th May 1898).

"With reference to my 569-D, 5th instant. I propose now to send party of sappers and miners by British India Steamer "Avoca" leaving Madras for London, 21st instant at a cost of two hundred rupees each for deck passage and diet."

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Enclosure No. 10.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1114-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 14th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this Department No. 1086-R.E., dated 10th May 1898.

This disposes of the whole detachment of Madras sappers detailed for employment in the Niger territories.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 585-D, dated 12th May 1898).

"My 571-D. Five sappers will leave Colombo for London per "Oratava" 18th instant and remaining 15 leave Madras per "Avoca" 21st instant."

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Enclosure No. 11.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1121-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 16th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for the information of the Government of India with reference to Military Department No. 1253-B, dated 22nd April 1898).

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. N.-T. 670, dated the 12th May 1898).

"Reference correspondence ending with your memorandum No. 999-R.E., of the 26th ultimo. It having been represented that the limit of forty pounds weight of kit per man is insufficient, as the free kit alone weighs sixty-four pounds and additional free kit has since been allowed. I recommend eighty pounds weight of kit. Please wire early orders."

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Telegram from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras,—(No. 1117-R.E., dated 14th May 1898).

"Your Excellency's N.-T. 670 of 12th. Eighty pounds baggage may be allowed to sappers for Niger."

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Enclosure No. 12.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1172-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 25th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this office No. 1114-R. E., dated 14th May 1898.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 595-D, dated 20th May 1898).

"My 585-D. Five Madras sappers embarked at Colombo for England per "Oratava" 18th instant."

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Enclosure No. 13.

Memo. from the Adjutant-General in India, to theSecretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1187-R.E., "*Engineers—Sappers,*" dated Simla, the 27th May 1898).

The following is forwarded for information in continuation of this Department No. 1172-R.E., dated 25th May 1898.

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Telegram from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 600-D, dated 25th May 1898).

"Continuation my 595-D. Fifteen Madras sappers embarked at Madras for London per "Avoca" 24th instant."

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Enclosure No. 14.

From the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1311-R.-E., dated 9th June 1898).

With reference to Military Department No. 946-B, dated the 14th March 1898, sanctioning the despatch of a detachment of the "Queen's Own," Madras Sappers and Miners to the Niger territories, I have honor by direction of the Commander-in-Chief in India, to submit the marginally noted correspondence and to recommend that, in accordance with the precedent mentioned by the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, the men may be seconded in their corps from the date of their departure from India.

No. A. N. T.-7975, dated 17th May 1898, and enclosure, from Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, No. 1249, dated 25th May 1898, from Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

Memo. from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. A. N. T-7975, dated Ootacamund, the 17th May 1898).

(Through Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.)

The following is referred for favor of instructions, with reference to correspondence ending with your telegram No. 1117-R.-E. of 14th May 1898.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel S. Grant, R.E., Commandant, "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,—(No. A-199, dated Bangalore, 11th May 1898).

I the* have honor to bring to your notice that during the employment of a detachment of Madras Sappers in the Niger territories, this corps will be deprived of the services of one Havildar and two Naicks; while the amount of work and duty, for which non-commissioned officers are required, remains unchanged.

2. Under these circumstances, I beg that sanction may be obtained for the appointment, by the Commandant of the corps of one paid Lance Havildar and two paid Lance Naicks during the absence of the Niger Detachment, these lance non-commissioned officers to revert to their permanent ranks when no longer required.

3. I may point out that this involves no extra expense to Government, as the whole of the pay of the Niger Detachment is provided by the Niger authorities.

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Memo. from the Officer Commanding Bangalore District, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,—(No. A-453-C, dated Bangalore, the 13th May 1898).

Forwarded for favor of instructions. I should also wish to be informed whether the whole of this detachment (which is to be away three years) should not be held as supernumerary to the establishment of the corps.

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Memo. from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 1249, dated Madras, the 25th May 1898).

Forwarded.

2. In Military Department letter No 1608-B, dated 11th June 1897, in which sanction was accorded to the despatch of a detachment of native soldiers to British East Africa, it was decided that the men should be seconded from the date of leaving their regiments, but no such provision has been made in the case of the detachment of the Madras Sappers and Miners sent to the Niger territories—*vide* Military Department, No. 946-B, dated 4th March 1898.

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Enclosure No. 15.

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 1792-B, "*Special and Miscellaneous,*" dated Simla, the 15th June 1898).

With reference to your letter No. 1311-R.-E., dated 9th June 1898, I am directed to say that the Government of India approve of the twenty men of the Madras Sappers and Miners despatched to Africa for employment in the Niger territories being seconded in their regiment from the date on which they left their corps.

INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, 6th MAY 1897.

FINANCIAL,

No. 88

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

With reference to your Letters in the Military Department, No. 71, dated the 15th of April 1896, and No. 28, paragraph 34, dated the 24th of February last, I enclose, for your Excellency's information, a copy of correspondence, as noted in the margin, regarding the recovery of the amount due to Indian revenues on account of the capitalised value of pension and Order of Merit allowances, &c. of officers and men of the Indian Army lent for employment under Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul General for the Central African Administration.

2. The sum of £283. 2. 9 was received on the 23rd ultimo.

I have, &c.,

(Sd) George Hamilton.

F 2170/96
To Treasury, dated 23rd June '96.
" destroyed " 19th Mar. '97.
From " " 24th Mar. '97
F 1434/97 and enclosure.
To Foreign Office, 31st Mar. '97.
From Crown Agents for the Colonies, dated 15th Apr. '97.
F 1877/97 destroyed

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1434/97

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INDIA OFFICE.
WHITEHALL. S. W.

29th June 1898.

Dear Sir,

The scale enclosed in our letter to the Colonial Office of the 4th April includes, for the voyage, 4 ozs of fresh mutton every third day. If this is less than the Madras Sappers have been getting while on shore, you might

let them have the larger

amount while they are on

board ship.

Yours &c.

(Signed) F. Whitmore Smith.

E. E. Blake Esq.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES



DOWNING STREET, S.W.

28 June 1898

Sir

I am directed by
Mr Secretary Chamberlain
to transmit to you herewith
a letter from the Premier of
Victoria on the subject of the
Australian Defence Force

and at 2 on Sepulchre
I wrote to Colonel Millhouse
and explained if he would
be good enough to give
the men a looks at the
Milling the Lanarks.
This he did and he
subsequently wrote to us
the note of which I
enclose a copy saying

that the men ought to
have meat rations & this
was duly arranged with the
Wan Ogin.
It has now been delivered
that the men shall sail
for the W. Coast of Africa
on Saturday next & the
Question arises whether
they ought to have
meat rations regulated

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Copy

Lt Col Wilkieson to Crown Agents

Queen Anne's Mansions,

Westminster, S.W.

16th June, 1898.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to inform you that, in consequence of a representation made to me by the Madras Sappers, I have written to the Quartermaster, 2nd Batt$^{n}$ Grenadier Guards to request him to serve out meat rations to the detachment of Sappers.

The Madrasis are a meat eating people and it is always customary for them to get meat rations when Government supply rations to them. If they do not get meat their health is likely to suffer.

I should be much obliged if you will kindly give the necessary sanction to this step and inform the officer commanding the Grenadier Guards.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) C. B. Wilkieson, L$^{t}$ Col R.E.

R&RR

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

and the following Number quoted. 11954/98.

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Downing Street,
31st May, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letters (M.4806) of the 13th and 25th instant, and to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, to whom, as you were informed in the letter from this Office of the 9th of March last, have been entrusted the arrangements for the reception and care of the Madras Sappers selected for employment in the West African Frontier Force between the date of their arrival in England and their departure for West Africa.

C.A. May 26th 1898.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. Bertram Cox

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

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Copy.

Downing Street, London,

26th May, 1898.

West Africa Frontier Force.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No.10732/98 of 19th instant, I have the honour to report for the information of the Secretary of State that we have made arrangements for the 20 Madras Sappers who have been selected for service with the West African Frontier Force to be met on their arrival in London and conveyed to Wellington Barracks where they will be quartered until the day previous to their sailing from Liverpool for Forcados.

C.A. 30/3/98.
I.O. 4/4/98.

We have also after consulting the India Office arranged for the men to be provided with special rations during the time they are detained in London and also during the voyage from Liverpool to Forcados.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) E.E.BLAKE.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

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**MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.**

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,
31 May 1898

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

In continuation of my letter of the 13th May, M4806,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith, for the information ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of India regarding the embarkation of the Madras Sappers and Miners for West Africa.

27th May 1898.

The "Orotava" it is presumed will arrive in this country about the 16th June.

(Sgd) G. R. NEWMARCH
Major-General
Military Secretary.

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Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. J. 1528.

F.W.J. 27/5/98

Y 2548. 2000.—3/98. I. 485.

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# COPY OF TELEGRAM

No 4806

FROM

Viceroy,

DATED 27th May,

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 1.41 p.m.

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In continuation of our mil. tel.m of 11th May. Madras Sappers & Miners for Niger territories. Five embarked on "Orotava" at Colombo for England on 18th May, & fifteen on "Avoca" at Madras on 24th May.

W. Smith

27 May

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to

Sir U. S. Lr

Colonel Stn

INDIA OFFICE,

25 MAY 1898

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 26 1898.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ say that he would be ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ glad if you will send a reply to the last sentence of this letter of 13th May 1898 M 4806, stating the exemptions and one of the Indian Regiments to be sent from Secunderabad.

(Sd) O. R. NEWMARCH. Lt-Col.
Major-General
Military Secretary

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Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. J. 1528.

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Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

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Noted for 20 5 1898.

11th May 1898.

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INDIA OFFICE,

13 MAY 1898

In continuation of my letter of the 11th May, M 4756,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith, for the information ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of India regarding the probable date of embarkation of the Madras Sappers and Miners for ~~the~~ West Africa.

The vessel referred to is timed to arrive in London about the 23rd June. Lord George Hamilton would be glad to know what arrangements will be made for the reception and care of these men on arrival and pending their departure for West Africa. J.A.

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(Form 10.)

Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. I. 1528.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH, Major-General, Military Secretary.

F.W.S. 12/5/98

Y 2156. 2000.—12/97. I. 2047.

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# COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy,

DATED 11th May, 1898

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 2.12 pm.

Your Mil Telm of 7th May. Madras Sappers & Miners.
Probable date of embarcation 21st May, by British
Ship Steamer "Avoca", leaving Madras.

14 words

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**Addressed to** the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in weeks.

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INDIA OFFICE,
11 May 1898

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th May, No 9867/98, and to ~~acquaint you in reply that~~ forward herewith, for the information of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, copy of a telegram which has been addressed to the Viceroy of India regarding the Madras Sappers and Miners for West Africa.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

9th May 1898.
Please copy A

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(Form 10.)

Y 1824. 5000.--9/97. J. 1528.

F.O. 10/5/98

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 9867/98

M 4756 1898

Downing Street,

9th May, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant (M.4390[a]) stating that the departure of the 20 men of the Madras Sappers and miners for West Africa has not yet been reported.

2. Mr Chamberlain would be obliged to the Secretary of State for India if he would be so good as to request the Government of India by telegraph to hasten the departure of these men, if they have not already started.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Bertram Cox.

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The Under Secretary of State

India Office.

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**Military Department.**

Letter No. Received 189 .

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| Under Secretary..... | 6.5.98 | |
| Secretary of State..... | | |
| Committee ..... | | |
| Under Secretary..... | | |
| Secretary of State..... | | |
| Council ..... | | |

Madras Saffers and Miners for West Africa.

Approved Council, 189 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 189 .
Despatch to No. „ 189 .
Telegram to Viceroy No. 112 „ 7 May 1898.

It is proposed to send the following telegram to the Viceroy:-

Enclosed.

"My military telegram dated

Togato Lumsden

"10th March. Can you now state

Olympus Intolerable

"probable date of embarkation

Aberdeen.

"Madras Saffers and Miners"?

Lm

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Y 2430. 1500.—2/98. I. 295.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to The Under Sec. of State
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INDIA OFFICE,

3 MAY 1898

With reference to the 2nd para. of your letter of the 29th April, No. 9129/98,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ inform you that the departure for ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ India of the 20 men of the Madras Sappers and Miners for West Africa has not yet been reported.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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(Form 10.)

Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. J. 1528.

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Extract Colonial Office letter
d/- 29 April 1898. 9129/98

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(2) I am also to enquire whether the 20 Madras Sappers & Miners referred to in the letter from this Office of the 24th. ultimo and previous correspondence, have started from India, as Colonel Lugard has asked that they may be sent out to the Niger as soon as possible

Return to Mr. Smith

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies

Downing Street

Reminder in weeks.

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India Office,

4 APR. 1898

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. and ~~to acquaint you~~ in reply ~~that~~ to forward herewith list of rations to be issued to the men of the Madras Sappers & Miners while on shore in this country and while on the voyage to ~~Lagos~~ West Africa.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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Y 1824. 5000.--9/97. J. 1528

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INDIA OFFICE



## Scale of Rations on Land.

| | Troops. | Followers. |
|---|---|---|
| Ata or Rice | 2 lbs. | 1½ lb. |
| Dál | 3 ozs. | 3 ozs. |
| Ghí | 2 " | 1 " |
| Salt | ¾ " | ⅔ " |
| Turmeric | ⅛ " | |

Firewood should be provided free.

## Scale of Rations at Sea.

| | Troops and Followers. |
|---|---|
| Curry Stuff:- | |
| Black Pepper | 0 lb. 2/16 oz. |
| Chillies | 2/16 " |
| Coriander | 2/16 " |
| Cummin | 1/16 " |
| Turmeric | 2/16 " |
| Potatoes, Dál, Onions } | on alternate days 4 " |
| Firewood | 2 lbs. (or coal 1 lb) |
| Flour or rice | 1 " 8 oz (biscuit may be substituted) |
| Fresh mutton (every third day) | 4 " |
| Garlic | 1/16 " |
| Ghí | 2 " |
| Oil, mustard (per week) | 4 " (For application to the body) |

## Scale of Rations at Sea (Contd.)

| | |
|---|---|
| Salt | ½ oz. |
| Sugar | 2 " |
| Water | imperial gallons, 1 |

## Notes.

The curry stuff materials, should not be ground, but are to be shipped and issued as separate ingredients.

Goat's flesh to be supplied in preference to mutton. Dried fish may be substituted for fresh meat.

The above rations are issued uncooked. In addition to these a cooked ration on the following scale should be shipped for issue to the men, if demanded, for the first few days until they get accustomed to being on board ship, or in case of seasickness, or when it may not be possible for the men to cook.

## Scale of Cooked rations at Sea.

| | |
|---|---|
| Onions | 2 ozs. |
| Garlic | 1/16 " |
| Ghi | 3 " |
| Oil. mustard | 4 " (per week) |
| Parched gram | 12 " |
| Dowa (choora) or avel | 1 lb. |
| Salt | ½ oz. |
| Sugar | 6 " |
| Tamarind | 2 " |
| Water | 1 gallon. |

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES

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2646 31/3/-

DOWNING STREET, LONDON.

30th March 1898.

West African Frontier Force.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that we have been instructed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to make the requisite preparations, after communicating with the India Office, for meeting the 20 Madras Sappers who have been placed by the Government of India at the disposal of Colonel Lugard for service in the West African Frontier Force and to arrange for suitable accommodation for them during the time they may be detained in England prior to sailing for the West Coast of Africa.

We propose to make the necessary arrangements through our shipping agents and to communicate with the War Office with a view to obtaining suitable barrack accommodation either in London or Liverpool, the latter being the port from which the men will sail for the West Coast of Africa, but before taking action in the matter we should be glad to receive full particulars as to the rations &c., which should be issued to the men while in this country and during the voyage to the West Coast of Africa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Military Department,
India Office.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 5543/98

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No 2646.

Downing Street,

24 March, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (M.2646) of the 12th instant, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that the Madras Sappers, employed in the West African Frontier Force, will be furnished with arms and accoutrements on their arrival On the Niger, and that anything which the men may want in the shape of clothing, in addition to the kit which they bring from India, will be supplied when they arrive in England.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Bertram Cox.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

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# MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 5.

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## EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 33 para. 21

Dated 31 March 1898

M 2646.

21. I forward herewith, for the information of your Government, copy of a letter from the Colonial Office* regarding the Madras Sappers and Miners required for service with the West African Frontier Force.

[*With reference to my Military telegram dated* 10*th March* 1898.]

* Dated 9th March 1898.

(Sent in advance per mail of 11th March 1898.)

(Form 5.)

Y 28786. 5000.—6/96. I. 1101.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

12 MAR. 1898

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th March, No. 4457/98, and, ~~to acquaint you~~ in reply, ~~that~~ to forward herewith copy of a telegram which has been addressed to the Viceroy of India on the subject of the Madras Saffars and Miners for the West African Frontier Force.

9/- 10 March 1898

Lord George Hamilton presumes that any ~~articles of kit~~ arms, equipment, or kit with which the

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(Form 10.)

Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. J. 1528.

F.W.S. 11/3/98

the men may not be furnished can easily be supplied on their arrival in this county.

Should anything be said about carbines?

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

Return to F.W.D.

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# MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.,

11 MAR. 1898 189 .

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding Madras Saffirs and Miners for West Africa which will be included in a military despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

Major-General,

Military Secretary.

The Secretary to Government of India,

Military Department,

1399

(Form 12.)

Y 29001. 1500.—9/96. I. 1490.

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Minute Paper. Military Department.

Letter No. Received 189 .

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| Under Secretary..... | 10.3.98 | |
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Madras Sappers and Miners for West Africa.

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| Approved Council, | | 189 . | Mil. Sec. | Mr. | |
| Letter to | | | No. | dated | 189 . |
| Despatch to | | | No. | " | 189 . |
| Telegram to | Viceroy | | " 68. | " 10 March | 189 8. |

Tel
10-3-98 H.L.

It is proposed to send the following telegram to the Viceroy, — cost recoverable from Colonial Office :-

Exclusum.

"Your Military telegram dated Murree

"25th February. Sappers for Offavia

"Niger required for 3 years from

"date

55 words

Rec'd - H.L.
10.3.98

(Form 15.)

Y 1406. 1000.—5/97. I. 770.

H.L.
10/3/98

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"date of departure. Pay cannot be

timorati

"issued in rupees, but you can state

Rubedo

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"rates of pay in rupees at 1/4 per rupee ~~and~~ explaining

Velumini

"~~that~~ payment will be made in Portal

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"money at that rate of exchange. Wound

Velumini

"and family pensions will be granted

Prolumen

"under Indian regulations. Please send as

Expansio

"soon as possible to London, furnishing kits

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Glutinum

"mentioned in enclosure ~~to~~ my Military despatch

"No 14 with other necessary articles. Please tele-

Trofilens

"graph name of vessel and date of departure".

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 4457/98

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Downing Street,

9th March, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 21st (M.1953) and the 26th (M.2211) of February, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that he would be obliged to the Government of India if they would engage for three years the Madras sappers required for service in the West African Frontier Force on the terms detailed - including wound and family pensions.

2. It is proposed that the three years should count from the date of departure from India to the date of return to India.

3. With regard to fixing the rates of pay in rupees, I am to suggest that it would be simpler to pay the men in sterling money at a fixed rate (say) of 1/4 to the rupee, their rates of pay being mentioned to the men in rupees, if that course is preferred, but it being explained to them at the same time that payment would actually be made in British money. Otherwise the actual charge on Her Majesty's Government for this detachment will vary from time to time, and it may be

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

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be difficult in the Niger Territories where they will be serving always to say at all exactly what is the "current rate of exchange."

4. I am to add that the Crown Agents for the Colonies will be instructed to make arrangements, after communicating with your Department as to all necessary details for meeting the men on their landing in England, for supplying them with accommodation and food for the few days during which they will remain here, and for despatching them from Liverpool by the earliest opportunity; and I am to ask that the date of the departure of the men from India, and the name of the vessel by which their passages are taken, may be communicated to this Office as soon as it is known in the India Office, in order that time may be allowed to the Crown Agents to make the requisite arrangements.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Bertram Cox

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,
26 FEB. 1898

Reminder in 2 weeks.

Noted for 12-3 1898.

25-th Feb. 1898.
S.C.O
Please copy letter

With reference to my letter of the 21st Feb., M1953,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith copy of a telegram ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ from the Viceroy of India regarding the pay and period of engagement of the Madras Sappers for West Africa, and to enquire what reply Mr. Secretary Chamberlain would wish to be made.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

(Form 10.)

Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. J. 1528.

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Y 2156. 2000,—12/97. I. 2047.

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# COPY OF TELEGRAM

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FROM

Viceroy,

DATED 25th Feby, 1898

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 12-45 pm.

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In continuation of our Mily Telm of 19th Feby. Madras Sappers & Miners for Niger. We would suggest rate of pay for men be fixed in rupees, local payments being made at current rate of exchange as in similar cases previously. For what period should men be engaged?

W Smith

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25 FEB. 1898

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Where did this come from? It was enclosed by Major Willcocks and given to me by Colonial Office ? 1903. (45)

Frontier Force

WEST AFRICAN ~~BRIGADE~~

~~Native~~ Clothing Arms and Accoutrements &c.

for Madrassees & the Engineer Company

| ARTICLES. | Havildars, Madras | Naiks, Madras. | Sappers, Madras. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clothing | | | |
| Great Coats | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Water Bottles | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Black Belts | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Frogs | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Haversacks | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pouches | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Slings (Carbine) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Blue Serge Tunics | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| " " Breeches | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Fezzes Red | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Fez Tassels | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Turbans Khaki | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Blue Jerseys | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Socks | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Khakee Jackets | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| " Trowsers | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Braces | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Putties Khaki | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Blankets | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Boots | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Carbines M.E. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning rod Bayonet and Scabbard | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pull throughs | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Oil Bottles | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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ANSWERED.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 3846/98.

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Downing Street,

February, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (M.1854) of the 18th instant, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that he concurs in the proposal that the Madras Sappers for the West African Frontier Force should be furnished with their kits in India, and that he will be obliged to the Secretary of State if he will cause the necessary instructions to be sent as proposed by telegraph to the Government of India.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A Bertram Cox.

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INDIA OFFICE
21 FEB 1898

The Under Secretary of State

India Office.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,

21 FEB. 1898

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

19th Feb. 1898.

With reference to my letter of the 13th Jan. last, M 200,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith, for the information ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, copy of a telegram from the Viceroy of India regarding the supply of Madras Sappers for the Niger.

I am,

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
*Major-General,*
*Military Secretary.*

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# COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy,

DATED 19th Dec 98

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 11.52 am.

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With reference to letter from Mily Secretary, of 14th Jan, regarding Madras Sappers & Miners for Niger, men can be supplied if required on terms detailed, in addition to wound & family pensions.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

18 FEB. 1898

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Feb., No 2695/98, and to acquaint you in reply that Lord George Hamilton considers it would be that the preferable course would be to furnish the Madras Sappers for the West African Force with their kits in India. This course would obviate any difficulty as to fitting

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fitting which is almost sure to arise more especially with regard to the boots.

Should Mr Secretary Chamberlain concur the necessary instructions will be given to the Govt of India by telegraph.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General.
Military Secretary.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 2695/98.

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Downing Street,

16 February, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (M.200) of the 13th ultimo, and to request that you will move the Secretary of State for India to be so good as to cause enquiry to be made by telegraph whether the Government of India has approved of the employment of twenty Madras Sappers in the West African Frontier Force, and to ask that, in the event of that approval having been given, size rolls of boots and clothing may be forwarded by post at once in anticipation of the actual departure of the men, so that their clothes, etc., may be ready against their arrival, and the men need not be detained in England for the purpose of being fitted.

Treasury approval has been given to the proposed expenditure on the Engineer Company, including the 20 Madras Sappers.

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Feb. 17

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H Bertram Cox

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 14 para. 7

Dated 3 Feb 1898

M 200.

† Dated 5th January 1898, and enclosure.

7. With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter† from the Colonial Office, I shall be glad if your Lordship will inform me by telegram whether there is any objection on the part of your Government to the employment as proposed of a certain number of Madras Sappers in the Niger territories.

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Y 28786. 5000.—6/96. I. 1101.

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# MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.,

189 .

14 JAN. 1898

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding the employment of Madras Sappers in the Niger territories which will be included in a military despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd) O. R. NEWMARCH
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

Major-General,

Military Secretary.

The Secretary to Government of India,

Military Department,

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,

13 JAN. 1898

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Jan. No. 27266/97. and to acquaint you in reply that an enquiry will be addressed to the Govt. of India as to whether they agree to the employment of a certain number of Madras Sappers in the Niger territories.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
*Major-General,*
*Military Secretary.*

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Y 1824. 5000.—9/97. I. 1528.

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Minute Paper. | M 200 1898 | Military Department.

Letter No. | Received 189 .

| | Date. | Initials. |
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| Under Secretary..... | 10.1.98 | |
| Secretary of State..... | " | |
| Committee ..... | | |
| Under Secretary..... | | |
| Secretary of State..... | | |
| Council ..... | | |

Proposed employment of a certain number of Madras Sappers on the West Coast of Africa.

Approved Council, 189 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to Colonial Office No. dated 189 .
Despatch to No. " 189 .
Telegram to " 189 .

The Colonial Office ask whether, in the event of certain rates of pay &c. being sanctioned by the Treasury, the Secretary of State for India would be prepared to sanction the employment of a number of Sappers - 20 in all.

It is proposed to ask the

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Write the above pro

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the Govt. of India if they agree. This might be done in a para. of a general despatch.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 27266/97.

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Downing Street,
5 January, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that Major Lugard, in submitting proposals for the establishment of an Engineer Company to be attached to the new force which is to serve under his command in the Niger territories, has suggested that a certain number of Madras Sappers and Miners should be employed, as has already been done in East Africa.

2. I am to enclose the extracts from Major Lugard's letter which refer specifically to the employment of Madrassees, and to enquire whether, in the event of the proposed rates of pay and issues of rations and kit being sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Secretary of State for India would be prepared to sanction the employment of one Havildar, 2 Naiks, and 17 Sappers as suggested.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. Bertram Cox.

The Under Secretary of State

India Office.

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Extracts from letter from Major F.D. Lugard

To The Colonial Office. F.D.L./23.

The advantages of employing these men are as follows:-

(a) The West African climate is not very dissimilar to that of Southern India, and I am in hopes that the Madrassees would not suffer much in health.

(b) These men have a very remarkable facility for acquiring languages, and would probably become adepts in Hausa in a marvellously short time.

(c) For the same total outlay a far larger number of them - than of Europeans - can of course be obtained. The maximum of work and value for money can only be got out of the African if he is under constant supervision.

I have therefore made enquiries regarding these men from a friend - Colonel Wilkinson, R.E. - who has been with the Corps for very many years, and has recently returned to England on relinquishing the command of them. I incorporate the information gained from him in the subjoined proposals regarding the Engineer Company.

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| # Madrassees. | | | | | |
| 1. | Havildar | at £3 per month | £36 | | |
| 2. | Naiks | " "2.5/ " | 54 | | |
| 17. | Sappers | " £1.15/0 " | 360 | 450. | |

Note II

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Note II. Rations of Madrassees.

½ lb meal at say 3d lb x 20 = 2/6 per day
1½ rice " " 2d.lb.x 20 = 3/4 " "
½tot rum x 20 = 10 glasses = 1½.bottles.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/6 x 365 days | (meat) ... ... ... ... ... | £46 | |
| 3/4 x 365 days | (rice) ... ... ... ... ... | 61 | |
| 547 bottles = | 91 galls at 18/- ... ... ... | 82 | |
| Currie stuffs say £11 per annum | ... ... ... | 11 | £200 |

Note V Cost of Free kit to Madrassees.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Karki suits at | 7/6 = | 22/6 | 1 Blue jersey 2/6 |
| 2 boots at | 6/- = | 12/- | 2 pairs socks 2/- |
| 2 pugaris | 2/- = | 4/- | |
| | | | £2. 4. 0.. |

Note VI Trades of Madrassees

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Havildar | Carpenter | 9 Sappers | Carpenters |
| 1 Naik | Smith | 2 " | Smiths |
| 1 Naik | Mason | 1 " | Mason |
| 2 Sappers | Surveyors | 1 " | Saddler |
| 2 " | Brickmakers | | |

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